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CELEBRATING OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

During the last century, the average American lifespan almost doubled. Older Americans are living longer, staying healthier, and remaining more active and engaged in their communities than ever before. This is cause for celebration!

In May, we celebrate Older Americans Month. The theme, "Celebrate Long-Term Living" was selected by the United States Administration on Aging to honor older Americans as a national treasure, and to highlight the need for mid-life and older persons to be prepared to live longer than previous generations.

Studies have shown that, given the choice, older adults will remain in their homes and communities for as long as possible. The Office for the Aging is proud to offer services that help them do just that, and we look forward to designing and implementing new and innovative programs that promote senior independence and improve their quality of life.



The New York State Office for the Aging held its annual celebration of Senior Citizens' Month at a luncheon reception on Tuesday, May 10th. Traditionally, a portion of the ceremony is devoted to acknowledging a specific category of older individuals and programs that make a positive difference in the lives of older people and their families.

Nick Trotto, Assistant Director, OFA and Adult Services, attended the luncheon with Monroe County's 2005 Guest of Honor: Betty Perkins-Carpenter, Ph.D. Dr. Perkins-Carpenter was chosen to be recognized for her work in exemplifying the many, diverse ways in which seniors are remaining active, vital and contributing members of their families and communities during their retirement years.

Dr. Perkins-Carpenter is President of Senior Fitness Productions. She earned international acclaim as an Olympic diving coach, and as the founder of Fit by Five, an alternative to traditional nursery school. In 1985, she was appointed as a Consultant to the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. She is the author of two books, and a nationally recognized leader in the field of fitness. Congratulations to Dr. Perkins-Carpenter!

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A Message from the Director

Welcome to the first edition of Life Times, the quarterly newsletter of the DHS Office for the Aging and Adult Services. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff members for their dedication and hard work in serving our customers. I would also like to thank the members of the Council for Elders, the Office for the Aging's advisory board, for their commitment to assisting us in realizing OFA's mission: To provide the highest quality of services to Monroe County senior citizens and their caregivers, and enable seniors to remain safely in their homes and independent for as long as possible.

Corinda Crossdale, Director